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Fourteen bundles of bedding were disinfected and 2 bundles held for disinfection. Bills of health were issued to 2 vessels with cargo during the week. The sanitary report for the week shows 27 cases of smallpox and 9 cases of typhus fever. I inclose herewith weekly abstract of bills of health issued to these vessels.

Respectfully,

H. W. WICKES,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *May 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows for the week ended May 26, 1900: On May 24 the steamship *Laurentian* sailed for New York with 56 second-cabin and 49 steerage passengers, all of whom were passed. Sixteen bundles of bedding were disinfected for this vessel. The weekly sanitary report shows 30 cases of smallpox with 1 death, and 9 cases of typhus fever.

I inclose the weekly abstract of bills of health.

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SIAM.

Cholera in Bangkok.

BANGKOK, SIAM, *April 19, 1900.*

SIR: This finds me with my family on a little island at the head of the gulf in easy connection with the legation. Bangkok is in a very bad state just now. The rainy season last year was limited and the dry season set in a month earlier than usual. The result was a very hot, dry winter, bad water in the river and very much sickness. Cholera is very prevalent and the bad feature is the number of cases that have occurred among the white portion of the population. The prevailing idea that Europeans need not be anxious about the disease if they exercise care in the use of food and water is cast to the winds and a time of general anxiety is upon us.

The scourge has been on now for nearly two weeks. Of 16 cases among the Europeans, 12 have been fatal. Anywhere from 100 to 200 a day are dying among the natives, as reported to me by those qualified to speak.

We are anxiously looking for rain, but as it will not come in all probability until well into May, we shall see things worse before they are better.

Respectfully,

HAMILTON KING,
United States Consul.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.